

Remarks

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested. Claims 1, 5, 11, 13, 16 and 22 have been amended. Claims 4 and 12 have been cancelled and claims 1 – 3, 5 – 11 and 13 – 40 remain in the application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 11, 16, and 22 to include the bounding language, “wherein N and M are integers greater than 1” or “wherein N is an integer greater than 1” where appropriate. Applicant submits that by defining the variables N and M to be integers, and further, integers greater than 1, the claims are no longer indefinite. Claims 4 and 12 have been cancelled as this language was in those claims rendering them redundant.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed 08 February 2005, and it is submitted that claims 1 – 3, 5 – 11 and 13 – 40 are in condition for allowance.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #50-0221.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 607-4607 is respectfully solicited.

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